--- CANADA TWIST ONLY - Division Open - Series of 1880-81 - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed in GREEN ink - 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed NOT TO COVER MORE / than ☐ lb. ---

Chris Ryan, the 'Canadian Revenue Newsletter', No. 40, December 2002

"Under the 1880 Statute, licensed tobacco farmers had the option of manufacturing *Canada Twist* at the same very low rate of excise duty allowed since 1864 to regular tobacco manufacturers. *Canada Twist* was defined in the Act as '***unpressed leaf rolled and twisted***' manufactured exclusively from Canadian leaf. The granting of this privilege to licensed farmers required a separate class of revenue stamps, which was also produced in several division-specific series. The first of these stamps inscribed **CANADA TWIST ONLY** was the non-denominated stamp **RT-1**, ordered by the Revenue Department on September 6th 1880, and pressed into service as an interim measure pending the preparation of proper, denominated values.

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

John McKay records 37,000 *lithographed* copies of "no weight, English Twist" stamps as 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

"No weight, English Twist"	**3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)**	37,000

The 'upper-limit' control number on the "no weight" green "Canada Twist Only" strips - as collected to date

RT-1 - no weight - "Canada Twist Only", Division Open - **018132**

The catalogue lists the blank tablet, green, Division Open CANADA TWIST ONLY strip as follows:

RT-1 - no value, green, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RT-1n - no weight, green, perforated 12, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - with a blank value tablet

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The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant. It was probably scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

no weight, green, *imperforate*, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RT-1 - no weight - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls ---

RT-1 - no weight, green, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **000014**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - with a blank value tablet

000014★		RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000078	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000079	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001006	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001011	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001062	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001034	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001579★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, 1¼ pounds, stamped **Montreal** / *J. L. Vincent* in violet ink
001596★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, 1½ pounds, stamped **Montreal** / *J. L. Vincent* in violet ink
001627	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Stamped **Montreal** / *J. L. Vincent* in violet ink
001650★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, 1¾ pounds, stamped **Montreal** / *J. L. Vincent* in violet ink
003237	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Inscribed *Three Rivers* in black ink
003244	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Inscribed *Three Rivers* in black ink
003246	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Inscribed *Three Rivers* in black ink

Many of these strips have been stamped **CANCELLED** in 8 mm. Roman letters (as shown as below). Lee Brandom listed these as **CP** copies, which they are not. I have ignored this stamping.

RT-1 - no weight, green, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **003255**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - inscribed *Three Rivers*

003255★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Inscribed *Three Rivers* in black ink
003256	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Inscribed *Three Rivers* in black ink
003302	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003308 ★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003311-20★	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003321	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003325	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003342	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003344	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003354	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003362	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003366	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003385	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003393	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003394	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003396	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003419	RT-1		Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

003465	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003468★	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003470	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003479	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003491	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RT-1 - no weight, green, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **005497**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove
Used at **Joliette**, P.Q., in August 1880 for *1/2* pound of Canada Twist, S.M. Return No. *3,*
Signed *R. M. Leprohon* in black ink, stamped **CANCELLED** in 8 mm. Roman letters

005497★	08/80	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Manuscript *1/2*, S.M. Return *3*, stamped **Joliette**
015589★	10/80	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Manuscript *1*, S.M. Return *7*, stamped **Joliette**
016336	10/80	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Manuscript *1*, S.M. Return *7*, stamped **Joliette**
018132	10/80	RT-1	Division Open, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Manuscript *1*, S.M. Return *7*, stamped **Joliette**

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